tem of some States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of States and Union Territories to be brought under this purview, with the background for such move;

(c) whether any advantage will be available to travelling public with this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any estimated cost and target has been fixed for this upgradation;

(f) if so, the details thereof State and Union Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether Government also propose to undertake upgradation of suburban services of Andhra Pradesh in future; and

(h) if so, the details thereof with estimated cost and time involved and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Strengthening and upgradation of the existing rail network in the suburban areas of various States and Territories is a continuous process and is done on the basis of need and priority depending on the availability of the resources. There is no specific programme or project on hand to upgrade suburban railway system of any particular area.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

(g) There is no specific plan for upgradation of suburban services of Andhra Pradesh. However, gauge conversion of Secunderabad-Mehboobnagar section has already been commissioned and certain suburban services had been converted to DMU push-pull services.

(h) Does not arise.

बिहार में साहेब गंज जमालपुर के बीच रेल लाइनों का दोहरीकरण

539. **श्री जनार्दन यादव :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार की बिहार में साहेबगंज–जमालपुर के बीच पड़ने वाली सुरंग को तोड़कर दोहरी रेल लाइन बिछाने की कोई योजना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कार्य कब तक शुरू हो जायेगा; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी.के.जाफ़र शरीफ़) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) इस लाइन पर अभी इतना यातायात नहीं हुआ है जिससे इसके दोहरीकरण का औचित्य बने ।

Modernisation of Railway Stations in the country

540. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to modernise and develop the Railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the progress made so far; and

(c) the division/zone wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Modernisation and development of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken wherever so warranted by traffic needs. Stations, where such works are to be taken up, are selected by each Railway Division, every year, through their annual Work Progra-